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SUBJ: EMBASSY PERSONNEL CEILING

REF: 73 BUDAPEST 3490, 73 STATE 187816, 73 BUDAPEST 3179

- 1. HAVING RANSACKED EMBASSY FILES, WE FIND RECORDS AND US-GOH AGREEMENTS ABOUT EMBASSY PERSONNEL CEILINGS IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS DISTURBINGLY INCOMPLETE.
- 2. WE HAVE COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE NO. 557, OCTOBER 29, 1973 REFERRING TO MFA'S PROPOSAL TO RAISE RESPECTIVE PERSONNEL CEILINGS TO 46 (FORTY-SIX). HOWEVER EMBASSY UNABLE LOCATE COPIES OF MFA'S PROPOSAL NOR OF ANY HUNGARIAN NOTE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF, OR CONCURRENCE WITH, NO. 557.
- 3. FURTHER, EMBASSY FINDS NO RECORD OF GROUNDRULES FOR TALLYING PERSONNEL WHO COUNT AGAINST OSTENSIBLE CEILING OF 46 PERSONS: DOES ONE COUNT EMPLOYED EMBASSY WIVES AGAINST CEILING? THE TWO EMPLOYED FULL-TIME AS SECRETARIES IN DAO AND IN ECON/COMM OFFICES? THE ONE EMPLOYED PART-TIME AS EMBASSY NURSE? THE ONE TEMPORARILY EMPLOYED FULL-TIME AS TEACHER AT AMERICAN SCHOOL? (IN THIS CONNECTION DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT EMBASSY NOTE NO. 556, OCTOBER 29, 1973 COUNTED BOTH TEACHERS -- IVELICH AND LASSETT -- AGAINST PERSONNEL CEILING.)

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4. COMMENT: ARRIVAL THIS PAST WEEKEND OF SIXTH MSG AND

ADMIN SPECIALIST AND LIKELIHOOD THAT HOPED-FOR OPENING OF GRADES 1 THROUGH 4 AT AMERICAN SCHOOL NEXT SEPTEMBER WILL REQUIRE THIRD TEACHER CAUSED US TO ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THIS QUESTION. FURTHER REFLECTION HAS CAUSED US TO WONDER WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE OPPORTUNE TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH GOH LATTER'S WILLINGNESS TO DO AWAY WITH EMBASSY "PERSONNEL CEILINGS" WHICH, WE SUSPECT, ARE ANOTHER COLD WAR RELIC. BEFORE DOING ANY PROBING, HOWEVER, WE SHALL NEED GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT. AND WHILE AWAITING THAT GUIDANCE WE NEED CLARIFICATION ON POINTS THAT FOLLOW.

## 5. ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- A. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT PRESENT EMBASSY CEILINGS ARE 46;
- B. PLEASE FURNISH COPIES, FOR EMBASSY'S FILES, OF MFA PROPOSAL AND HUNGARIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 46 AS ESTABLISHED PERSONNEL CEILING;
- C. PLEASE ADVISE OF GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING WHICH PERSONNEL COUNT AGAINST EMBASSY CEILING. MCAULIFFE

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